WHAT DO I DO, WHAT DO I DO?

His head? His head is, well... I think it's uninjured, but...

Calm down, Sonica.
Vey's head is okay, right?

Okay- If it's just losing his heart and not breathing, we can revive him.
Fortis.
I heard. I'll prepare the revival treatment.

Can you take him back with you? Or should I head over there?
Oh, no...

I don't sense anyone pursuing us, so if I've got 10 minutes, I think I can get back.
Let's meet up at home, then. Don't make any stops on the way!
Like I would.

Tch~ So I got stuck with taking you back~
Ho
...But I am indebted to Vey.
And I hate being in debt, so I'm going to hurry up and return that favor!
In a nonmonetary way, of course!

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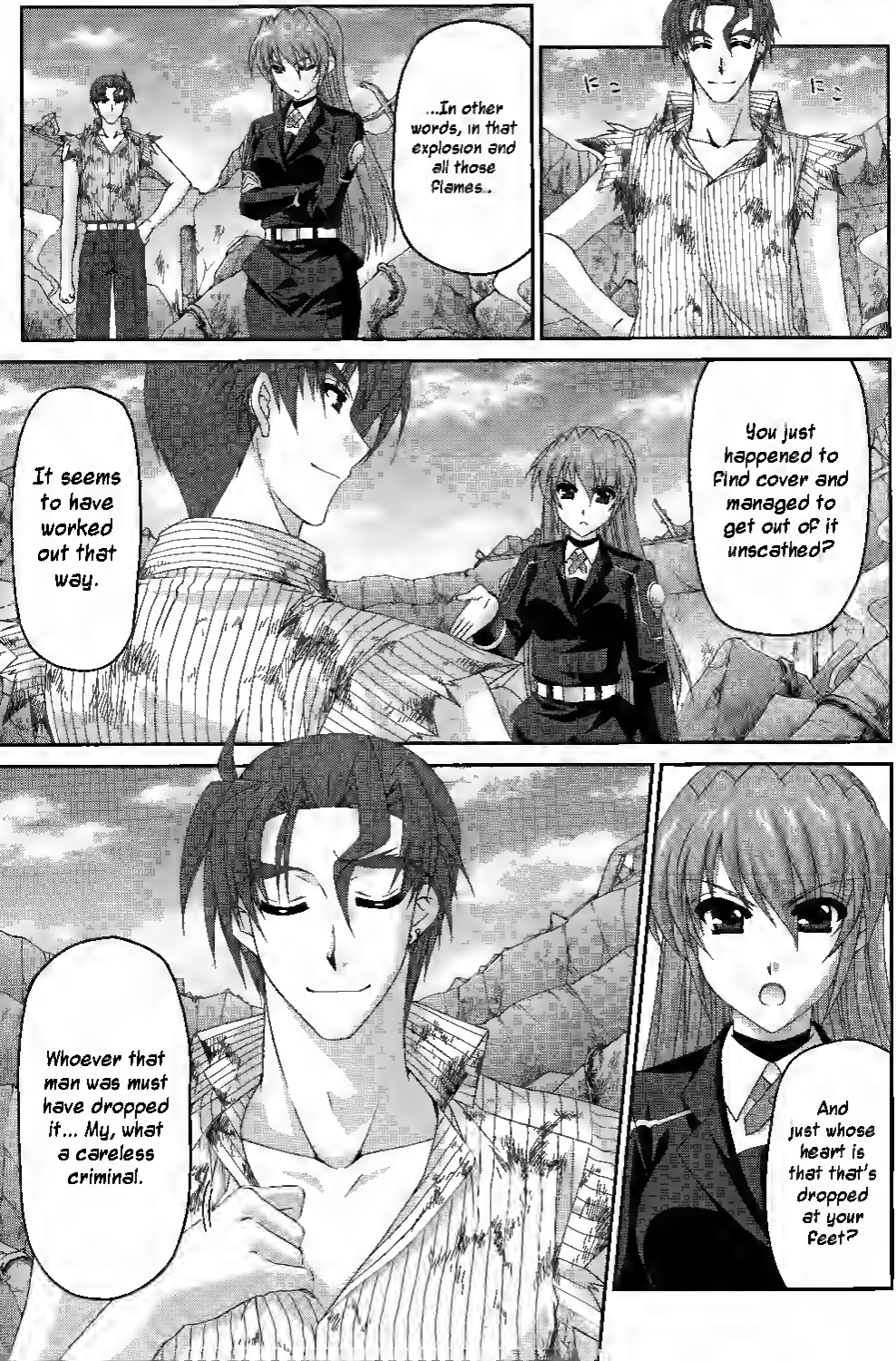

...In other words, in that explosion and all those flames...
It seems to have worked out that way.
You just happened to find cover and managed to get out of it unscathed?
Whoever that man was must have dropped it... My, what a careless criminal.
And just whose heart is that that's dropped at your feet?

Believing it is your only choice.
And you expect me to believe that?
We'll begin our investigation of this area
But...
Guide Mr. Vandein to a new holding room
EnForcer Lanster
Roger.
And the heat sensor survived...! So it's all good!
In times like these, evidence trumps testimony.

Please fill out and submit a purchase order. Due to facility trouble, we will cover the cost.
It appears even my spares were burned as well.
Oh, if it's not too much to ask, I would like to get a change of clothes.
If possible, I'd like for my daughter to bring me one of my shirts from home.
Could you get in touch with her and have her bring one?
That falls under the judgement of those on scene for both you and your family's safety. Please understand.
Even though I was told I was free to have a face to face meeting?
Due to extenuating circumstances, I cannot permit that.

Your cooperation is appreciated.
...Suppose it can't be helped.. I'll put up with a cheap store brand shirt.

This was definitely an attack by the Huckebeins...
Curren, Veyron, and an unidentified female
Who was she...?
Maybe she's the one Cypha had an appointment with?
U-m... This might be the first time we've seen her.
Yeah.
This is her. ...Anyone recognize her?
Ah... And this article was left at the scene...

!!
We don't know who it belongs to, but... there was someone's heart
That man... I believe this was done by Hades Vandein, but...
Could that really...?
Then that means one among the three of them died..?
And we don't know for sure whether the person whose heart was taken actually died.

For an infected... Something like that isn't out of the question.
Seriously...?
The removed heart is still beating... This may be a sign that they're being revived.
The heart will be taken to Shamal's for investigation purposes.
We just contacted her about it.
I'd like to leave the delivery to your group, Thoma, but... are you okay with that?
Roger!

Thoma and Lily will take the MR212. You'll arrive back at HQ quicker that way.
Right!
Isis and I will follow in a car. Just in case something happens.

Wendi, will you be okay driving?
I felt like Tea didn't really want to let you drive...
WHAT!?

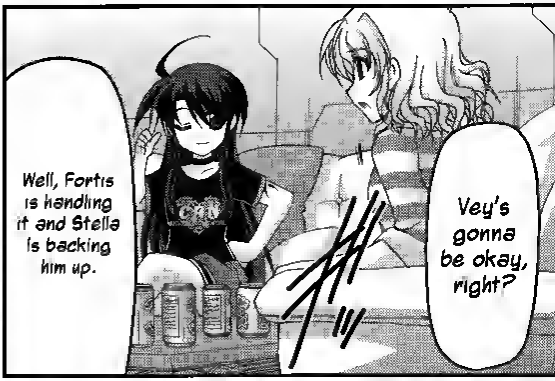
For now, let's just give it our best!
Well, transporting a heart kind of gives me the creeps, but... This mission is nerve wracking, for several reasons.

I-In that case...
I HAVE MY LICENSE! I'M NOT AS GOOD AS TEANA, BUT THAT'S NORMAL! NORMAL!

Hah~... All of this has me pooped.
That's why I said you should've taken me too~
You said it~
But hey, at least it looks like something can be done for Vey, so that's good.

It's been a long time since I've used this mode, hasn't it?
Come to think of it, you're really small, Curren!

When my leg got torn off and I had trouble regenerating it, he fixed it up well enough.
I'm starting to rethink sticking around with you guys right about now.


Well, Fortis is handling it and Stella is backing him up.
Vey's gonna be okay, right?

Well, I wouldn't say it's his speciality or anything. But we can trust him more than any doctor out there, right?
Forti, huh Was he good with medical systems?

His vitals haven't stabalized yet, but there don't appear to be any problems with his circulation...
All right... Regeneration of the heart confirmed
If we off the anaesthesia, he should come to
Ha-... Thank goodness.
Heh?
VEYRON!? YOU SHOULDN'T PUSH YOURSELF...

GUAAAH!
VEYRON!?
BIG BROTHER!?
...Such a pity that I can't observe it.
Assessing whether Dominant could kill a First generation infected... It would've been a valuable experiment.

His body is rejecting the heart that should've been regrown...?
This is...
Guh... Urgh!
Even though you restored it from your own organs!?
LET'S SWITCH OVER TO THE HEART-LUNG MACHINE! STELLA, PREPARE THE FULL BODY ANAESTHESIA!
RIGHT!

Don't need it.
I'll accept the consequences myself.

WAI-! BLOOD! BLOOD!!
VEY...!?
I can't drag my heels and let him beat me.
To where he is.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING LOOKING LIKE THAT!?
After going to all that trouble to save you, it'd suck for you to die right after you wake up
YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT STILL!

There's a reaction from an antigen we've never seen before eating away at him...
Hm...
The EC Virus inside Veyron's body has mutated.
I took some of the anti-virus bullets from the Section Six guys, but the effects on me have already dissipated.
This infection has to have come from him.
In other words...

Stop this, Vey.
Eclipse Dominant.
The ability to control the virus possessed only by those who became infected by the Seed of Origin...

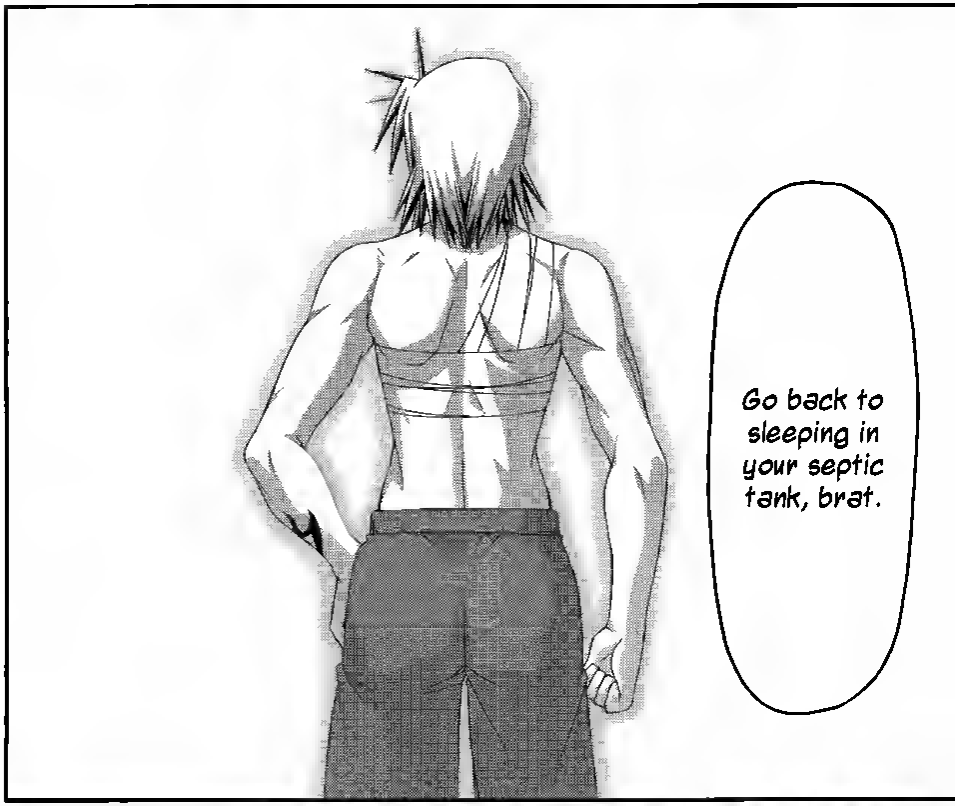
You've taken an attack from the dominant species... In that state, moving around is tantamount to suicide.
Once we find a treatment, I'll return you to normal... Sonica's here too, so we'll find one soon.
So I'm going to freeze you with my "Sleeping Beauty."
And we don't have any data on what effect the viral mutation from the dominant species will cause.
Now be a good boy and behave.

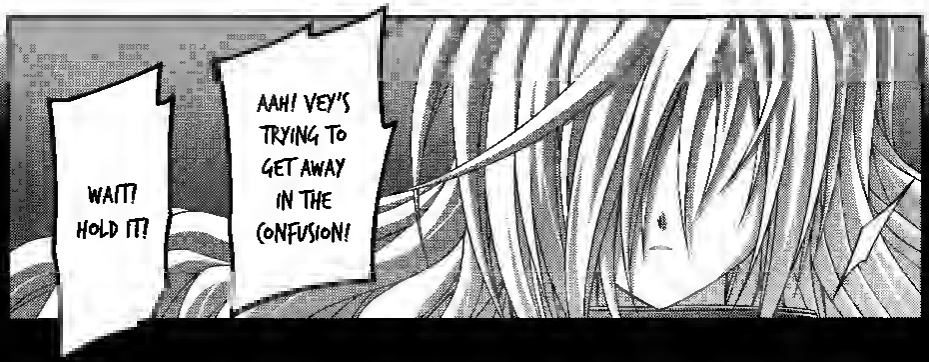
I won't die from something like this! I'm going to beat the living shit out of that guy and take back the seed.
You're going to ignore an order from your leader?
H-HEY, HEY! (VRREN, VEY, JUST WAIT A SECOND...!

ROSALIA!?
Why are you?
But
You're in the way, brat.

...!?
This is... the rejection reaction inside Veyron is receding?
Ah, could this be...!
INDEED IT IS!
SO THAT'S IT! SHE'S A STROSEK, JUST LIKE LILY!
A FEATURE OF THE STROSEK SERIES... THE EC VIRUS SUPPRESSION FUNCTION!
If so, that's great! Big Brother Vey, you should go ahead and React with her...!
I refuse.

If I make this good for nothing my Reactor, then my 928 will become useless


Go back to sleeping in your septic tank, brat.


WAIT! HOLD IT!
AAH! VEY'S TRYING TO GET AWAY IN THE CONFUSION!

So long as you just shut up and cry, not even God is gonna come save you.
People who stand up for what they believe in raise their voices and fight.
Raise your head and face forward.
If you don't want to wallow around in a filthy septic tank, then that's what you have to do.

You can't...
Go!
Ugh

BRIAR ROSE!
Excuse me.
Nice, Rosalin.
...
You did good, runt!
Good job, Rosalia.

So what do we do now?
We can't even guess how to counteract the dominant species.
If Sonica had brought back Big Brother Vey's heart, we could do further treatment and analysis, but...
I WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE THAT!? YOU REALLY THINK I COULD JUST PICK SOMETHING LIKE THAT UP WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD!?
I do. Even if temporarily, you are working with us.

The heart of a first generation infected. This is a valuable sample to those in Section Six... I can't imagine they'd just throw it away.
The Section Six guys will take it for analysis. There's no way they'd leave it at the prison...

SONICA! WHEN IT COMES TO FINDING THINGS, YOU PRIDE YOURSELF ON YOUR FORTUNES!
THAT'S IT!
ALRIGHT! I'LL START SEARCHING FOR IT FOR YOU RIGHT THIS INSTANT!
AND BECAUSE I'M HEARTBROKEN ABOUT IT, I'LL DISCOUNT THE FEE TO 8!
...So you're still gonna take while the taking's good...

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR BIG BROTHER VILLE TO GET BACK TOO, SO BE GOOD AND GET TO BED!
No way! We still have to treat you against the infection.
...Back off. If that's the case, then I'm going
Just leave it to me!
Smash and grabs are my specialty.

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